



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation or X divisional application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b), of pending prior application:

Serial No. 09/528,371
Filed on March 17, 2000
Of Lloyd Wolfinbarger, et al.
Entitled: A Process for Decellularizing Soft-Tissue Engineered Medical Implants, and Decellularized Soft-Tissue Medical Implants Produced
Examiner: Jon P. Weber
Group: 1651

- X 1. Accompanying this order is a true copy of the prior application as originally filed including Specification (pp. 1-46), Claims 1-120 (pp. 47-63), and Abstract (p. 64).

Total pages 64

- X 2. New Formal drawings are being filed herewith consisting of 18 sheet(s), depicting Figures 1-14.

- X 3. Declaration and Power of Attorney:

- a. Newly executed (original or copy)
- b. X Copy from prior application (Declaration executed 11/17/2000 and new Power of Attorney executed 2/11/2003)
- i. Deletion of Inventors - signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application

- X 4. Incorporation by Reference:

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 3b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.



- X 5. Cancel original claims 1-45, 52 (which is absent), 55-102, 105-114, and 116-120.
- X 6. Small entity status:
- a. A small entity statement is enclosed
- b. X A statement of small entity status (copy attached) was filed on March 17, 2000 in the prior application and status as a small entity is still proper and desired.
- c. Is no longer claimed
- X 7. The filing fee is calculated below:

**CLAIMS AS FILED, INCLUDING ANY CLAIMS
CANCELLED OR ADDED BY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Basic Fee						<u>\$375</u>	<u>\$750</u>					
Total Claims	<u>15</u>	-	<u>20</u>	=	<u>0</u>	x	<u>9</u>	=	\$	<u>18</u>	=	\$
Ind. Claims	<u>5</u>	-	<u>3</u>	=	<u>2</u>	x	<u>42</u>	=	\$84	<u>84</u>	=	\$
<u>Multiple Dependent Claims</u>						+	<u>140</u>	=	\$140	<u>280</u>	=	\$
Total							\$599			\$		

8. Please charge my Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #) in the amount of \$.
- X 9. A check in the amount of \$599.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- X 10. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee which may be required under 37 CFR 1.16 or 37 CFR 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket # 100067.52083D1).
- X 11. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: --This application is a division of application Serial No. 09/528,371, filed March 17, 2000. --
12. Priority of Appln. No(s). , filed in on , is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.
13. A certified copy of each said priority document was filed in application Serial No. on .
- X 14. The prior application is assigned of record to LifeNet.

X 15. The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

Herbert I. Cantor, Reg. No. 24,392; James F. McKeown, Reg. No. 25,406; Donald D. Evenson, Reg. No. 26,160; Joseph D. Evans, Reg. No. 26,269; Gary R. Edwards, Reg. No. 31,824; Jeffrey D. Sanok, Reg. No. 32,169 and W. Jackson Matney, Jr., Reg. No. 39,292.

— a. The power appears in the original application papers in the prior application.

X b. Since the power does not appear in the original application papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed (executed 2/11/2003).

— c. Attached is a duplicate of a Supplemental Declaration which was filed in the prior application to overcome informalities.

X d. Address all future correspondence to:

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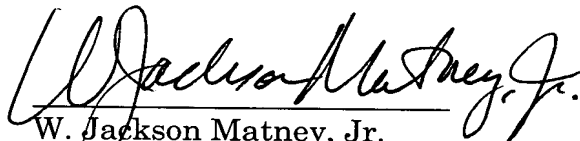
X 16. Forms PTO-892 and PTO-1449 listing prior art made of record in the prior application are attached. A copy of each of the listed references should be available in the prior application file.

— 17. A Preliminary Amendment is being filed herewith.

X 18. Return Receipt Postcard.

Respectfully submitted,

July 23, 2003


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